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Soldier killed

Sgt. Maurice Simpson, 25, 82nd Medical Company, was found shot at 2:09 a.m., Saturday. He died at a Wichita hospital.

According to police reports, Simpson was found at 1839 N. Washington St. in Junction City.

Police responded to a call when neighbors in the area said they heard gunshots.

A memorial for Simpson will be held today at 4 p.m. in Morris Hill Chapel.

1st Inf. Div. commander visits post

By Jeremy Heckler

19th PAD

“Ordinary soldiers doing a hero’s job,” said Maj. Gen. John Craddock, commanding general, 1st Infantry Division (Mech.), as he observed the training of the 1st Brigade Combat Team Jan. 23 during the Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise.

Craddock’s visit included a tour of Fort Riley and its training areas, where the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division conducted a Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise.

Craddock toured the battlefield the Devil Brigade would later employ for their final live-fire exercise.

He followed the route the soldiers would take to their final objective and observed the breach training of the 1st Engineer Battalion.

“I have been here before but not on the ground maneuvering across

“Ordinary soldiers doing a hero’s job.”

—Maj. Gen. John Craddock  
Commanding General  
1st Inf. Div. (Mech)

the ranges in the field,” said Craddock. “This is absolutely superb in the potential for training.”

“The commanding general routinely visits the brigade as they train up for the National Training Center and attempts to visit the NTC during our rotation,” said Maj. Kurt Pinkerton, operations officer, 1st BCT.

“This gives us an opportunity to share training that we do and the differences between Germany and Fort Riley,” he said.

“In Germany, we have a lot smaller area,” said Craddock. “At Grafenwohr, the entire range area is ringed by small communities.” Craddock commented on the flexibility of training in the utilization of the facilities available to the 1st Brigade.

The visit also provides the Devil Brigade the opportunity to show what they can do.

“It important to keep the ties with 1st Inf. Div.,” said Pinkerton. “The more we can interact, the more we can be a part of the team.

“We have a lot to provide them and compliment their combat capabilities,” said Pinkerton.



# Snow day

## Winter storm closes area schools, kids head for hills

More than six inches of snow fell on Fort Riley last week. Because of the hazardous driving conditions, schools in USD 475 were closed, giving student the chance to hit the slopes.

And hit the slopes they did. Everywhere you looked on Main Post, kids were sliding down hills with everything from ‘Flexible Flyers to snow boards to round saucers which seemed to rocket down the hills a little faster than anything else.

It didn’t matter if one slid down the hill alone or a group made the trip. All it took was a hill and some enthusiasm. In the end, everyone went home a little happier and a lot colder than when they started the day.



Photos by Skidmore

Construction projects near completion

Replacing, upgrading facilities emphasized

By Jeremy Heckler

19th PAD

The sound of hammers striking nails can be heard all across Fort Riley this year as construction projects near completion across post.

Fort Riley has approximately 13 projects designed to improve facilities on post.

“Most of the work is to replace or upgrade facilities here on Fort Riley,” said Mike Goreham, the installation’s master planner. He said there are small projects that improve existing facilities, such as a plan to upgrade the railhead facility by adding pole-mounted lights to provide illumination under vehicles that are loaded onto rail cars. The project would help the facility conduct around the clock operations. In addition to the lights at the railhead facility, Camp Whiteside’s rail spurs will receive repairs. Repairs include replacing deteriorated ties, lubricating switches and more.

Other small-scale improvements include building a drainage structure through the levee at Camp Funston. Another project will help cut down on traffic jams on Custer Hill by extending Jackson Avenue and installing traffic signals at the intersection of Trooper and Apennines.

In addition to the upgrades, new construction projects on Fort Riley will improve the soldiers’ standard of living.

Later this, year soldiers from the 1st Brigade Combat Team moved into new barracks. The new barracks provide sleeping rooms for each soldier and a common bath and service area two soldiers share. On Main Post, soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division moved out of their historic barracks so that it can receive a complete renovation to meet the 1 +1 barracks standards.

“To renovate the historic barracks, we had to work with the state historical protection office and when it is finished they will have the same exterior but inside it will be like the new barracks,” said Goreham.

Later this year, ground will be broken on a new Consolidated Troop Medical Clinic, new qualification ranges as well as a School Age Services addition for the

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# Hot spot in nation to winter storm, Fort Riley has it all

By James B. Pritchett

Editor

After pretty much dodging the winter sleet all season, Fort Riley made up for t Jan. 30 as an ice and snow storm tightened its grip on Kansas, while heavy now — up to 14 inches — was forecast or the local area.

Winter storm and heavy snow warnings were posted from Tucson, Ariz., to Chicago, Ill., as the major winter storm made its move.

The brunt of the storm shifted into the Northeast by Jan. 31 but snow continued o accumulate on Fort Riley and in surrounding communities.

At Fort Riley, road conditions across

others were declared Amber on Jan. 31. Residents and employees were encouraged to travel on cleared roads only for necessary mission requirements.

Civilian personnel were given the option of taking unscheduled leave or reporting for work. Schools were closed in Junction City, on Fort Riley and in Manhattan.

Statewide, Gov. Bill Graves ordered the closing of state office buildings across Kansas, with only essential personnel asked to report to

across Missouri and much of Kansas. More than 100,000 homes in the eastern part of the state were without power into the early part of this week.

By Feb.1, the sun made an appearance and school children were back in classes. At Ware Elementary School, third graders learned about severe weather from an area expert, meteorologist Bruce

the weather is a difficult thing to do and predictions cannot always be 100 percent correct.

Doppler Radar is one of the most important investments of public dollars, he said. With the advent and use of these tracking systems, forecasters are far more accurate than they were in the past. Last week’s storm, for example, was predicted well in advance allowing people to prepare for the extreme cold weather.

Most importantly, the Doppler Radar systems in the Midwest allow faster identification of dangerous thunderstorms which have the potential to spawn tornados.

In fact, during the week of July 20, Fort Riley was the hot spot in the nation on two separate days with temperatures of 111 and 110 degrees. On both of those days, the installation edged out the infamous Death Valley, Calif. for the distinction as the hottest spot in the United States.

Though this summer was not the hottest on record, Fort Riley recorded more 100+ days in both 1998 and 1999, the winter was shaping up to be one of the warmest in history.

Just before the winter storm, a warm ridge of high pressure had lingered for several days over much of the eastern half of the country causing record-breaking warmth in many eastern and Midwestern states, according to the National

Injuries Due to Ice and Snow

- About 70 percent result from vehicle accidents
- About 25 percent occur in people caught out in a storm
- Most happen to males over 40 years old

# Operation Snowburst: *Safety in severe winter weather*

By James B. Pritchett  
Editor

Operation Snowburst isn't a military exercise; it is the installation's plan for mobilizing the snow removal force and keeping roads and parking areas open. Soldiers and civilians team up to take on winter weather from "a touch of ice to major snowstorm that could shut down the post," according to Lt. Col. Wesley Anderson, chief, Public Works and the officer in charge of Operation Snowburst. Before last week's deluge of snow, it was more than a year since the last time Operation Snowburst had to swing into serious action. During the last snow season, Fort Riley received about six inches of snow with drifts of 12-14 inches, according to Anderson. Operation Snowburst is made up of two elements. The first element is the Public Works Road and Grounds crews, who are all civilians. The second part of the equation is a unit designated each year to assist Public Works during day-

light and night-time hours in snow removal. This year's designated unit is the 937th Engineer Group. With approximately 208 miles of roads in the main living and working areas of the post, this team stays busy when severe winter weather rolls across the plains. "These main roads are all located on Main Post, Custer Hill, Camp Forsyth and Camp Funston," said Anderson. "There are more in the range areas, but we don't plow those, we concentrate on the living and working areas of the post." When a snow emergency is imminent, installation officials notify residents and personnel through Channel 2, the Fort Riley website and the news media. Officials let residents know that a snow or ice event is on its way and may implement an alternate day parking plan. That was the case last week, when about six inches of snow and some ice settled on Fort Riley. "Alternate day parking requires residents to park on even numbered sides of the street on even numbered days, using

house numbers, and odd sides of the street on odd days," said Anderson. "We implement this parking plan because some of our older housing areas were built in the 50s, 60s and 70s and have narrower streets," he said. "It can be difficult to get our heavy equipment down some of those streets." When alternate day parking is implemented, it stays in effect until Anderson determines it is no longer needed. He defines those conditions when the roads are cleared from curb to curb. During any snow or ice emergency situation, there are certain roads which are cleared first. "The key is that we have to keep the main roads open for life, health and safety," said Anderson. "We have to be able to get fire trucks, police and ambulances to people. Our main priorities are Huebner Road, 1st Division Road and Trooper Drive. "These are the ones emergency workers may have to use to get into an area where they may have to respond to an emergency," he said.

After these roads are open, Snowburst personnel will begin working on the secondary roads that are main roads that feed into housing areas. After those roads are open, they begin plowing residential routes. "It really depends on the amount of snowfall as to when we will get to the residential roads," said Anderson. "We may have to keep going back to clear primary and secondary roads." Ice can be even more dangerous than snow. Public Works uses a sand and salt mixture to help melt ice on roadways and keep it from refreezing, according to Anderson. However, sand and salt alone cannot always clear the roadways. "Just because we have put down the sand and salt doesn't mean the roads will be immediately clear," he said. "The salt only lowers the freezing temperature by a few degrees. For the salt to work, you really have to wait for the sun to come out and generate some heat to get the ice to melt off." During snow and ice emergencies, the post declares certain roads either RED or

AMBER. When roads are declared RED, that means they are dangerous. Military tactical vehicles and tactical vehicles are prohibited from driving on roads under these conditions with the exception of emergency vehicles. Privately owned vehicles are also strongly discouraged from driving on roads declared RED. Some roads may also be blocked off completely due to the hazardous driving conditions of the particular roadway. Non-critical roads such as Williston Point Road are frequently road blocked during snow emergencies. Road condition AMBER means that the roads are unsafe. "During these periods, we want to keep as many vehicles as possible off the roads so to allow the plows to clear them," said Anderson. "There are two reasons for that. With fewer cars on the road, plows don't have to keep going around stuck vehicles and also the plows are much heavier vehicles. The plows don't slip, but sometimes cars slip on the roads and run into the plows. When that happens the plow always wins. It can be a very dangerous situation."

## Identifying hazards, preventing accidents emphasized

Fort Riley is one of the largest employers in Kansas, and every day we maintain and operate a small city, complete with water, sewer, schools, office buildings and houses. Part of the large responsibility of maintaining and operating this installation is employee safety. No one comes to work with the intention of being injured, yet every day 27 civilians in the Army are injured, and at least once a week a Fort Riley employee is injured. This is why I would like to discuss workplace safety. Accidents are always the result of an unrecognized hazard. This is why utilizing the five step Risk Management Process and having Job Hazard Analysis completed is imperative. By identifying hazards, we can prevent injuries and accidents. The RMP represents a logical and systematic thought process from which users develop tools, techniques and procedures for their areas of responsibility. The RMP also places risk acceptance at the appropriate levels. It

is a continuous process that is applicable to any situation and environment. Every hazardous task that an employee performs should be evaluated using this process. The RMP is not only a manager's tool to protect the employee, together we can prevent injuries to our fellow workers and accidents that result in property damage. Employees, whether they work in an office or industrial setting, should know what to do in case of an emergency, be provided with a safe and efficient work area, and have periodic safety training. All work areas are subject to the same types of prevalent accidents; falling objects, slips, trips, falls, fires, electrical shock, hazardous chemicals, and back injuries are just a few. These accidents are caused by unsafe acts such as: standing on furniture or boxes rather than using a ladder or step stool to reach high places, carrying loads you can't see over or are too heavy, poor house keeping, and just plain inattention to detail.

Accident prevention is paramount on Fort Riley, and we all share the responsibility for safety in our work environment. Things such as good house keeping or cleaning the snow and ice from steps and walkways reduce the

chances of a slip, trip or fall accident. Protective equipment such as a face shield, a pair of gloves or earplugs can go a long way in the prevention of injuries. Training is also an excellent prevention tool; each employee should be trained on the hazardous chemicals that are found in the workplace. Finally, having and following set

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# Marine recruiter calls Fort Riley home

By James B. Pritchett  
Editor

Fort Riley is the home of thousands of soldiers, dozens of airmen and one Marine.

“Seeing a Marine at Fort Riley is like seeing a three-headed elephant,” said SSgt. Jonathan B. Delle, who is currently assigned as Marine Corps Recruiter, Recruiting Station Manhattan, Kan. He transferred here Sept. 17.

“When people see me in my uniform, they want to know what I am doing here,” he said.

Delle, as a recruiter is permitted to live on the installation as a benefit of his job. This is the first time he and his family have lived on an Army installation.

“In the past, we have lived on Marine Corps and Navy bases and in locations where there were no bases nearby,” he said.

When Delle and his family arrived, it was just after K-State students returned to school or the fall semester. Housing in Manhattan was scarce and Fort Riley was close enough or a short commute to work.

Before his arrival here, Delle served outside the Fleet Marine Force as Administrator, Recruiting Station Portland, Ore. He said he finds the pace of life here a welcome change.

“We really like the openness here,” he said.

“We enjoy seeing the wildlife on the post like wild turkeys, deer and hawks. The people are also very friendly. Both soldiers and civilians

have been very nice and helpful.

“It’s more laid back and easy going than Portland,” he said. “We quickly adjusted to the slower pace.

“One unique thing we noticed about the area is that if you are not wearing purple on K-State game days, you are out of uniform,” he said.

Finding Marine Corps uniform items has also been a challenge he has had to deal with since arriving. “While some things are easy to find, others are very difficult,” he said.

Delle enlisted in the Marine Corps Delayed Entry Program Aug. 12, 1987 and went to Recruit Training in San Diego, Calif., July 18, 1988.

Upon completion of recruit training, Delle transferred to the Personnel Administration School, Camp Johnson, N.C.

Delle’s assignments have included Fleet Marine Force tours in the 1st Marine Division with 1st Light Armored Infantry Battalion, 2nd Marine Division with 2nd Light Armored Vehicle Battalion as well as 4th Marine Division with 4th Engineer Battalion.

While he was with the 2nd Light Armored Vehicle Battalion, Delle participated in Operation Promote Liberty with Marine Forces Panama, in the Republic of Panama, ground combat operations during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm with the 2nd Marine Division, and non-combat operations with the Haitian refugees during Operation GTMO,

in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba with the Joint Task Force—Cuba.

Delle said he enjoys talking with people about the Marine Corps. At Fort Riley, former Marines who are now in the Army often stop him to talk about the Corps.

Delle volunteered for Recruiting duty after working in administration at the Recruiting Station in Portland.

He said he made many friends there who were recruiters and it sounded like an interesting and challenging job.

So far, his main challenge in the Fort Riley and Manhattan areas is that nearly everyone he meets is already a college student or in the Army, he said.

After three years as a recruiter, Delle will have an opportunity to decide if he wants to become a career recruiter or to accept another assignment.

Recruiters who request career status become noncommissioned officers in charge of recruiting stations.

Delle and his wife, Tabitha, have three children -- Jordon, Brynden, and Cody.

In his spare time, Delle has also found time to help out in the community, when his busy recruiting schedule allows, by assisting the coach of his son’s basketball team.

“It’s great to be able to help out and interact with the kids while they are playing,” he said. “We really like it here and glad to be a part of the community.”

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Child Development Center. The new facility will accommodate 125 children ages 5 to 13.

As the master planner on Fort Riley, Goreham takes pride in seeing his projects go from drawing board to construction to completion.

“Finally, projects I generate how up and start being built,” said Goreham, who has served as master planner since 1989. One of those projects is a new Wastewater Treatment Facility on Fort Riley that he first proposed in 1992. The new facility takes the place of the three facilities that are currently on post.

“The facilities here are just plain worn out,” said Goreham. He said the facilities are upgraded every five years to meet updated regulations mandated by Kansas and the Environmental Protection Agency. Over time, it becomes necessary to build a new facility.

“It becomes time to build a new sewage treatment plant to meet the highest standards in the state of Kansas,” said Goreham.

Goreham said the projects not only help Fort Riley but also generate business for the local economy.

“Right now, we have \$100 million in projects under construction and another \$39 million should start up by this summer,” said

Goreham. He said at any one time there could be 20 contractors on post.

Of those contractors one could have as many as 200 employees. At any one time as many 500 contract employees work on post.

Many of the construction projects that are built spend years going from the initial concept to reality.

“We program projects quite a way in advance and we cue them up to be approved by Congress,” said Goreham.

“Some of the projects have been on the books for five or six years while others have been on significantly longer.”

He said plans for a new Military Operations, Urban Terrain site was originally conceived in 1984 and may be a project for 2005.

“The scope is different because the current project includes a simulated embassy compound that wasn’t thought of in 1984,” said Goreham.

“There is so much turnover here. Many soldiers may not be in the same job, so, they may not see the whole picture of a project,” said Goreham.

A soldier who moves out of a set of barracks for renovation may not move back into the barracks when the project is completed.

## Storm continued from page 1

ul winter storm system swept in and captured the region in snow and ice.

While schoolchildren, and many adults enjoy the snow, cold weather can be dangerous.

According to the National Weather Service, “Each year, dozens of Americans die due to exposure to cold. Add to that number, vehicle accidents and fatalities, fires due to dangerous use of heaters and other winter weather fatalities and you have a significant threat.”

A major winter storm can last for several days and be accompanied by high winds, freezing rain or sleet, heavy snowfall and cold temperatures, according to winter storm preparedness information put out by the NWS.

People can become trapped at home or in a car, without utilities or other assistance. Attempting to walk for help in a winter storm can be a deadly decision.

“Threats, such as hypothermia and frostbite, can lead to loss of fingers and toes or cause permanent kidney, pancreas and liver injury and even death,” according to the NWS.

A complete winter weather preparedness guide is available on the Internet at the National Weather Service site located at <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/winterstorm/winterstorms.pdf>.

## Tax Center offers free filing

By Steven Cooke  
19th PAD

It’s that time of year again. Tax season. Time to take out the shoeboxes, legal pads, pencil sharpeners and calculators. But before you start pulling your hair, know that there is help available to alleviate the stress.

The Fort Riley Tax Center will help all active duty service members, retirees and their families file their income taxes for free.

The center officially opened on Feb. 1.

Customers were waiting outside, and tax preparers at the center were ready to begin helping them one by one.

“We have nine full time civilians, six part-time students, an Officer in Charge, a Non-commissioned Officer in Charge and 88 unit advisors working with the tax center,” said Capt. Brian Underdahl, installation tax attorney.

Underdahl said he recommends the center to qualified patrons because it’s free.

“Coming to the tax center, they’ll save money that they’d normally spend with a professional tax preparer, and we’ll get their money back as soon as a tax preparer off post,” said Underdahl.

The tax preparers are trained to do their job.

Underdahl explained that the tax preparers went through a week-long training program with the IRS and Kansas Department of Revenue to learn how to prepare taxes.

He recommends those interested in using the service make an appointment before walking in, although walk-ins are allowed.

“We’re booked for the first two weeks,” he said. “Literally as soon as we turned on the appointment line, we started getting calls.”

The tax center uses an electronic filing system instead of the traditional paper forms.

“We do the filling on our computer system then send it to the IRS like an e-mail,” said Cheryl Stewart, tax preparer.

“Electronic filling is a lot better,” said Myesha Williams, tax preparer, “If you’re missing something from the form, it will let you know.”

“I enjoy working here, meeting soldiers and taking care of them,” said Gayle Beatty, who worked at a tax center in Germany before coming to Fort Riley last year.

“I think I prepared about 500 returns myself last year,” said Heather Gowens, who is in her second year as a tax preparer.

“My husband and I are new to the military, and it was a good experience to learn to interact with soldiers,” she said.

One returning customer spoke about her experience last year.

“It went quick, about half an hour,” said Sgt. Marley Gunther.

“I definitely recommend soldiers come down to the tax center. It’s better for soldiers to have a place on post and it’s free.”

One thing customers can do to help ensure a smooth process at the center is have all their required documents in order said Williams.

Underdahl recommends that customers bring their W-2 forms, 1099-INT, social security card, child care receipts and power of attorney for customers filling on behalf of someone else.

The tax center is located in Bldg. 7826 across from Normandy Chapel.

The hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The appointment line telephone number is 239-1040.

The tax center will remain open until April 15.

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Rodney Garrott wrestles the ball away from the Rock Creek defenders. The Troopers toppled the Mustangs 34-24 Tuesday at FRMS.

## Troopers C team drop Rock Creek in 34-24 win

By Kevin Doheny  
Staff Writer

Momentum. It is one of the biggest factors in basketball. It happens in most games. One team has the momentum early, and then the other team does something to gather the momentum back. It can do the same thing for a team's season. A team might not start off the season well and at some point they do something to change the fate of their season.

Coach Mike Whaley of the Fort Riley Middle School "C" Team hopes his team will hit their stride after reaching the win column for the first time this year.

The Troopers used a big second half and a dominate performance by Rodney Garrott to pull away from the Rock Creek Mustangs 34-24 Tuesday at FRMS.

"The kids played well tonight," said Whaley. "Our offense was clicking, and we were able to get the ball down low to our big men."

Garrott, who lead all scorers with 12 points and six rebounds, was the big force in the post for the Troopers. He was able to use his size and quickness to put up points in the paint. The Troopers' guards worked hard to get the ball inside to him and Chris Williams, who had six points and two rebounds.

"We really worked on getting the ball down low to our big men in practiced and it showed," said Whaley. "We also pressed a lot forcing a lot of turnovers."

The Troopers had just a two-point lead at half, but in the third period turned the defense pressure on the Mustangs. The Mustangs weren't able to run their offense as proficiently as they were in the first half.

Also, the Troopers rebounded the ball better against the Mustangs, than in past games.

"This was one of our better games as far as getting to the glass," he said. "We could have done better rebounding with balls going through our hands, but we definitely blocked out better than in the past. This is most of these kids first year playing, and they are still learning the fundamentals and getting better."

After the game, the jubilant Trooper team enjoyed their first win by huddling up with each other and smiling with their success.

"I think now the team can walk down the halls at school with their heads up high," said Whaley. "I think this win will give them more pride."

"We needed this win bad. We try to keep our kids positive, but losing games can get them down. This victory can be a stepping stone for future games and give them a little more confidence."

Other key performers in Tuesday's victory were, Matthew Jackson-Smith with three points and seven rebounds, and Jared Walker with four points and three rebounds.

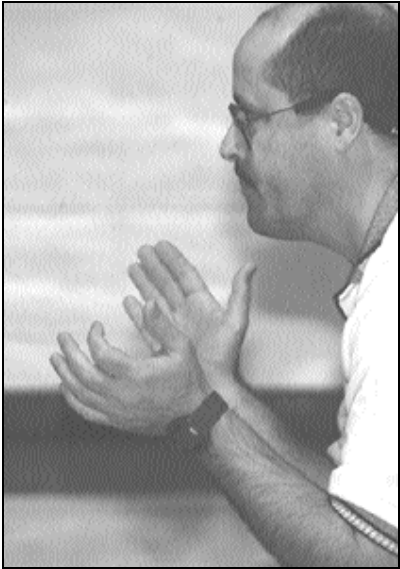
The Troopers look to cash in their success and keep their winning ways going into Saturday in Wamego in a tournament.

They also play Junction City Tuesday in Junction City.

By Kevin Doheny  
Staff Writer

In between the lines of a sporting

# Troopers win 47-26



Left- Troopers coach Vic Garcia looks on with confusion as his team falters in the early moments of their 47-26 victory over the Rock Creek Mustangs Tuesday at Fort Riley Middle School.

Bottom- Reshean Uzzle (right) and Glenn Dunker, left, out hustle the Mustang defenders for the ball. Uzzle and his Troopers' teammates out rebounded the Mustangs and forced them out of their game.



## Troopers starting five start slow, take control by second half



A Troopers' player scrambles for the ball during the first half of play.

By Kevin Doheny  
Staff Writer

Sometime when a coach has so much talent on a team, it is hard for him to control them or to get them to play as a whole unit.

Coach Vic Garcia of the Fort Riley Middle School Troopers "A" Team, (8-0), has that problem, but admits for his team, it's a good problem.

"For some reason my starting five gets too comfortable and they let the other teams stay in the game during the first part of the game," said Garcia. "They always seem to get their act together and pull away though."

The Troopers were able to get their act together during the second half of their 47-26 win over the Rock Creek Mustangs Tuesday at FRMS.

After only leading 13-10 at the half, they pulled away from the Mustangs in the second.

"Our second group is just as strong as our first, so I like to put them in the game to give us a spark," Garcia said.

"They seem hungrier at times, and they played a lot longer tonight than I had planned, but they got the job done," he said.

A critical part of the game was with 30 seconds left in the first half, and the Mustangs had the ball the entire time and was unable to get a shot off.

"Our whole mentality on defense is to totally aggravate a team and take them out of what they

want to do offensively," he said. "We are very aggressive. It's okay because I have 10 players who can play, which gives me 50 fouls to work with."

Their defense stepped up in the second half, which lead to an out burst in their scoring.

They outscored the Mustangs 18-6 in the third period. Garcia's starting five outplayed the Mustangs during the stretch, and they never looked back.

"At the half, I told them the only team that could beat them was themselves," Garcia said. "I told the starting five I wasn't going to have a whole lot of patience, and that I would bring in the second unit. The first unit showed up and played in the second half and showed what they could do."

With the game well out of hand, and playing against a team, who seemed to be a team running uphill, the Troopers poured on the offense late in the game.

Keith Lane, who lead the Troopers in scoring with 11 points, lead the charge at the end of the game.

Other key players for the Troopers were Glenn Dunker with seven points, Reshean Uzzle with four points and seven rebounds, Mark Stiles with four points and five rebounds and Anthony Craft with seven points and three rebounds.

The Troopers also won the Wamego Tournament Saturday and will play again Tuesday when they take on Junction City at Junction City.

## Applications for Fort Riley male, female athlete of year due Feb. 15

By Kevin Doheny  
Staff Writer

taking applications for their 2001 Fort Riley Male and Female Athlete of the Year.

"The nominated soldier needs to be

tions of being a good soldier overall, and being an outstanding athlete in a variety of sporting events on post.

"First and foremost, the soldier is in

ly gets three to five female applicants, and five to eight male applicants. This year so far they only have two female and one male applicant.

He also said it is the job of the Battalion Athletic and Recreation Officer to put together the nominations for their soldiers, and believes being nominated is

# Spring turkey hunt on post requires planning

By Alan Hynek  
DES

According to the calendar, we still have plenty of winter left. However, now is a good time to be thinking about outdoor activities for this spring. One that requires a little planning ahead is participation in the spring turkey hunt on Fort Riley.

The DES Conservation Division will accept applications for spring turkey hunting now through Feb. 22.

The drawing will occur on Feb. 28, at Bldg. 1020. Successful applicants will have until 4 p.m. on March 23 to purchase their assigned permit at the Outdoor Recreation Center, Bldg. 1011 in Camp Forsyth.

Spring Turkey Permits not

assigned on Feb. 28 will be sold “over-the-counter” beginning March 3, at Outdoor Recreation. Permits assigned on March 1, but not purchased by March 23 will be sold beginning March 24 to individuals who applied but weren’t drawn. Any remaining permits will be sold on a first-come first-served basis beginning

## On the Wildside:

March 31. Permits will be sold at the Outdoor Recreation Center.

There will be an allotment of 120 regular season permits plus 60 youth season permits. The post will be divided into two units as we have in the past. The north unit will consist of all maneuver areas north of the northern boundaries of G, H, E, and I. The south unit will consist of the remaining

areas on post.

Any Youth age 12-15 may apply for the Fort Riley Youth Turkey Hunt, April 5-7.

There will be up to 60 permits, with 30 for the north unit and 30 for the south.

An adult must accompany the youth hunter during this segment, but is not allowed to hunt.

## News About Nature

The regular Spring Turkey Season on Fort Riley will be split into two segments that consist of April 10-29 and April 30-May 19.

Applicants will need to designate their preference for segment date and area.

A total of 120 regular season permits will be assigned. Half (60) of those may hunt the first segment and half in the second

segment. Each allotment of 60 will be further divided, with half allowed to hunt in the north unit and half in the south.

All applications should be sent to the DES, Conservation Division, Bldg. 1020.

Successful applicants from the drawing will need to purchase a Kansas Unit 2 Spring Turkey Permit and have the option of purchasing a second permit, which is valid on Fort Riley. Kansas Unit 2 Spring Turkey Permits are available over the counter at Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks regional offices, state parks offices and at the County Clerk Offices.

If you have any questions about the upcoming Spring Turkey Season on Fort Riley, call or stop by the DES Conservation Division Bldg. 1020 at 239-6211.

# Athlete

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orcement, and I haven’t met anyone who doesn’t like being recognized.”

The Sports Office goes through the applications carefully and ensures the right candidate is deserving of the award.

They have both military and civilian personnel on their five-person panel, who eventually decide during the selection process.

“It is very important to the Sports Office that high caliber soldiers receive these awards.

“We want nothing but quality

individuals nominated,” said Sunstrom. “The more difficult the decision process is, the more we enjoy selecting the winner.”

Applications are due, and the panel will carefully examine the individual applications.

The winners will be recognized and the Sports Office will hand out the awards to their qualified winners.

After the events take place, the battle will continue for next year’s winners during the next year on both the fields and courts of play.



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**Troopers Tyrell Wallace and Robert Eby play defense on a Rock Creek player during their 34-24 victory Tuesday.**

## Current basketball standings

### NORTHERN LEAGUE

UNIT	Win	Lost
HHC 1-16 INF	2	2
C 1-16 INF	3	1
HHC 2-34 AR	1	1
HCB 1-5 FA	2	1
B 1-5 FA	2	1
D 1-5 FA	2	3
SVC 1-5 FA	2	3
331 SIGNAL	3	1
172nd CHEMICAL	0	4

### SOUTHERN LEAGUE

523rd MP	0	4
300th MP	0	4
977th MP	6	1
1st Maintenance Co	4	3
24th Transportation Co	2	4
568 CSE	3	2
HHC 937 EN	1	5
1st PSB	2	2
MEDDAC	5	0
HHC 24th ID	3	1

### EASTERN LEAGUE

HHC 2-70 AR	4	3
HHC 4-1 FA	6	0
A 1-5 FA	0	6
C 4-1	4	1
HHC 1-41 INF	5	1
A 1-41 INF	1	4
B 1-41 INF	2	4
C 1-41 INF	1	6

### WESTERN LEAGUE

HHC 1st BDE	1	4
C 4-3 ADA	1	4
B 70 EN	2	5
C 1-4 ADA	3	4
HHC 3rd BDE	3	1
HHB/A 125 FSB	8	0
596 SIGNAL	3	2
A 1-13 AR	5	2
B 1-13 AR	1	5

### WOMEN'S LEAGUE

125 FSB	4	0
HHC 24 ID	1	3
541st MAINT BN	3	1
924th MP BN	0	4

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# Valentine's Day

By Karen E. Hinkle  
K-State Intern

Flowers or chocolates? A stuffed animal or a balloon? With so many choices, Valentine's shoppers can have a hard time figuring out what to get their loved one for the special holiday. The Fort Riley Post has gathered information from local florists to help shoppers sort through the options and find the perfect gift.

Flowers are always a popular choice when Valentine's Day comes around, and there's no question that a dozen red roses is the most sought after Valentine's gift. There are many different arrangements available or flowers can be boxed. Local prices for a dozen arranged long-stemmed roses range from \$55.95 in Fort Riley to \$64.95 in Manhattan. Delivery is available for an extra fee at most florists.

Though red roses are the most popular, it may come as a surprise to many that red isn't necessarily a woman's favorite color when it comes to roses.

"In all the survey results I've read, they say that women prefer all the pretty colors instead of red," said Karen Medlin, Westloop Floral in Manhattan. Roses come in many varieties and colors, including white, yellow, peach and pink.

Regardless of the color, roses go fast. Most florists advise shoppers to place advance orders for roses to ensure the best availability and selection.

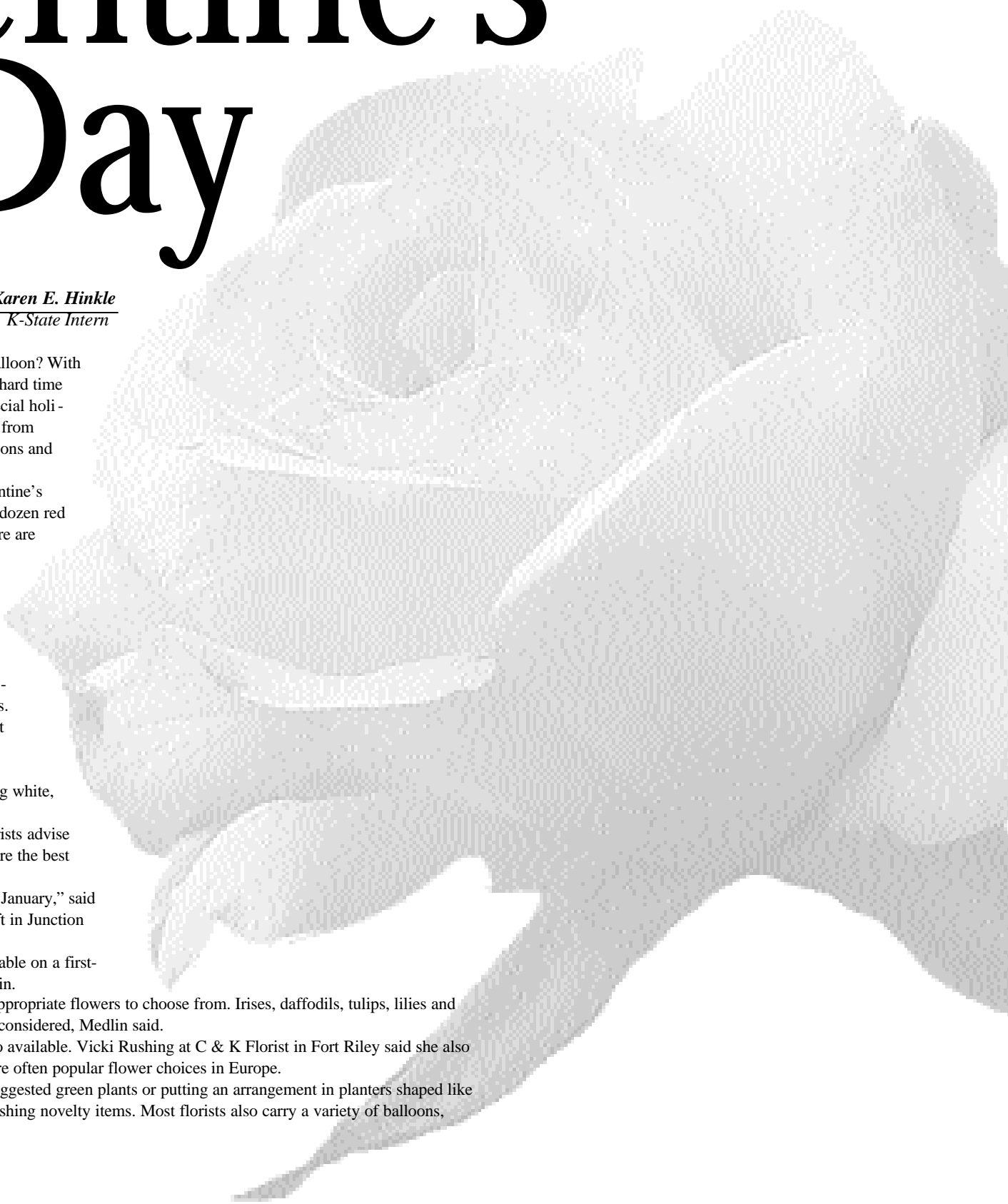
"I have orders for Valentine's Day that came in January," said Carlena Lindsey, owner of Brown's Floral and Gift in Junction City.

However, most stores will also have roses available on a first-come, first serve basis for those who wish to stop in.

If roses aren't available, there are many other appropriate flowers to choose from. Irises, daffodils, tulips, lilies and heather are bright, colorful options that should be considered, Medlin said.

Floral arrangements from other cultures are also available. Vicki Rushing at C & K Florist in Fort Riley said she also receives many orders for tulips and lilies, which are often popular flower choices in Europe.

What can ladies find for men? Several stores suggested green plants or putting an arrangement in planters shaped like cars or trucks. Several stores also carry golf and fishing novelty items. Most florists also carry a variety of balloons, stuffed animals, chocolates and candies.



Roses have a language of their own. Every sentiment is expressed in one form or another by these glorious blooms. Here's a list of the most popular rose colors and what they symbolize:

## Red Roses

Red Roses mean love and respect. No wonder red roses have always been able to deeply touch so many hearts. Have you ever touched a red rose petal and felt the velvety softness, the electrifying and refreshing sense created by your very touch upon the this delicate flower petal? If you have, your memories will reflect enchantment. The sensation is unforgettable and romantic feelings are always triggered.

## Pink Roses

Pink roses suggest joy, grace, and poetic romance. A dazzling concoction of delightfully blossomed light pink rose buds adds style

it's time to be frivolous and time for indulgence.

## White Roses

White roses signify innocence and secrecy. Imagine a light breeze from the ocean, delightfully irresistible and unpredictable.

## Yellow Roses

Yellow roses have come to signify the combination of feelings of friendship and joy. Capture the heart of your special someone with an alluring, dramatic arrangement of these delightful and gorgeous yellow roses or convey a message of intense and strong feeling of joy.

## Peach Roses

Peach roses reflect desire and excitement. The peach rose means that love is anxiously budding, you need to hurry to catch up to

## Fun Valentine's Day Facts

Pope Gelasius declared Feb. 14 as St. Valentine's Day in 498 A.D.

Feb. 14 was commonly believed to be the beginning of birds' mating season in France and England during the Middle Ages.

Charles, Duke of Orleans, wrote the oldest known valentine to his wife while imprisoned in the Tower of London in 1415. The valentine is still in existence today.

Esther A. Howland began selling the first mass-produced valentines in America in the 1840s.

The Greeting Card Association estimates that one billion valentine cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the largest card-sending holiday after Christmas.

Women purchase approximately 85 percent of all valentines.

Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France and Australia.



# BRAVO! Army Theatre Touring Company comes to post

By Steven Cooke  
19th PAD

“The world’s a stage, and every man plays his part,” William Shakespeare once wrote.. Three men did just that Feb. 1, at the BRAVO! Army Theatre Touring Company’s presentation of “The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)” at Riley’s Conference Center.

Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers sponsored the play written by Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield.

The play is based on the writer’s improvisations of Shakespeare’s works. The play stars Spec. Travis DelMatto, Spec. Jason King and SFC Derek Shannon.

“The play is three actors performing all 37 of Shakespeare’s plays in an hour and 45 minutes in a comical way,” said Shannon, from Fort Campbell, Ky., “It has a funny twist. All the girl roles are played by guys. We rap the play Othello. There’s a lot of play on dialogue.”

Show highlights included takes on “Romeo and Juliet,” “Othello” and “Hamlet.”

In “Romeo and Juliet,” Del Matto played Juliet and King played Romeo. When time came for the famous kissing scene as Romeo sends Juliet back and puckers up, Del Matto shouts in a deep manly voice, “I don’t wanna kiss you man!” The audience burst into laughter.

A humorous spin on “Othello” is in the presentation itself.

“Being that Othello is black and we’re three white guys, we rap the scene to be funny,” explained Shannon.

Another laughable scene came in “Hamlet.” Illustrating the show’s small budget and lack of spectacular special effects, Hamlet’s father’s ghost was made from a little white sheet with a face drawn on in black marker and held by another actor’s hand sticking out from the curtain.

The audience of 275 people at Riley’s certainly found the humor of the show.

“It’s hysterical. It’s different. Like they said ‘It’s not my momma’s Shakespeare, ‘” said Kamelia Russell. “It’s something I did not expect the Army to have.”

“They make it funny even if you don’t understand Shakespeare,” said Spec. William Thompson, 70th Engineer Battalion.

“It’s entertaining and it’s wild,” said SFC Kris Tucker, 3rd Brigade, 75th Division (Training Support).

For BOSS the night was a success.

“I think it was great. Anyone who missed it, missed a great production,” said Spec. Jason Dunlap, BOSS president. “We would love to have them back next year. I think it will be better next year.”

Part of the United States Army Community and Family Support Center, BRAVO! is an all-soldier touring theatrical company that tours installations worldwide, bringing the finest in the theatrical arts to soldiers, their families and their military community.

BRAVO soldiers are not just actors and theatre buffs living it up on the road.

“We’re still soldiers, and my job is to maintain soldierly conduct,” said Sgt. Debra James, Noncommissioned Officer In Charge and Tour Manager.

“I make sure the soldiers do P.T., handle their financial issues, anything that includes soldierly activities.”

“We’re still soldiers and have to conduct ourselves in a military manner,” said Del Matto.

Had Shakespeare seen BRAVO!’s show, he probably never would have written, “A stage, where every man must play a part and mine a bad one.”



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**BRAVO! Theatre Company include the audience in the action during the “Hamlet” portion of “The Complete Works of William Shakespeare ---- Abridged,” Feb. 1 at Riley’s Conference Center.**

## Program teaches new families about Army life

By Steven Cooke  
19th PAD

Families making the transition from civilian to military life face many challenges and often have no idea where to go for help. Army Community Service offers the Army family team building program to help new military families make the transition to the military lifestyle.

“The goal of the program is getting people to reach out and help others,” said Pearl Speer, ACS family programs team leader.

The program is broken down into three different levels. Level one is for families with five years or less experience in the military.

Level two is for family members with more than five years experience looking to improve their leadership skills as they become more involved in the community. Level three is designed to help family members with substantial experience but want to maintain and enhance their leadership skills, said Speer.

When family members reach out and help other family members it makes the experience easier and more beneficial, she explained.

Speer offered a story to help illustrate, a young soldier comes home one night and tells his wife that he’s going into the field the next day and needs her help putting his gear together. The wife obliges. The next morning, the

soldier gets up kisses his wife goodbye. When the soldier doesn’t come home, that night, the wife begins to panic.

By the next morning, Speer continued, the wife was so hysterical his unit had to pull the soldier from the field. The soldier failed to mention that being in the field meant being gone for an extended period of time. The unit suggested she take classes with the AFTB program.

Speer said, “You don’t know what you don’t know. If we can get people to come to the classes, then we can help them.”

The level one class, Military Terms Acronyms, Customs and Courtesies, might have been beneficial to the young wife. According to the AFTB pamphlet, the

course introduces basic and unique words used routinely in military life.

Level one classes also cover subjects like benefits, military and civilian resources and chain of command.

“An informed and empowered family allows the soldier to concentrate their efforts and focus on the mission, feeling confident and secure that their family is better prepared for the challenges of military living,” as stated in AFTB pamphlet.

AFTB is open Monday to Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. but evening classes are available. For more information, stop by the AFTB office in Bldg. 7264 on Normandy Drive or call 839-9435.





# Local historian tells Kansas story to school children

Compiled by Post Staff

Citizens across Kansas celebrated the state's 141st birthday Jan. 29 with a variety of ceremonies and special observances. Among the most popular are the traditional "Kansas Day" school presentations that highlight our state's colorful past in elementary and middle schools.

Fort Riley as a long history of providing speakers to area schools to help explain the military's role in opening the territory for settlement as well as exploring and mapping it. Scott Price, the post's community relations officer, has been providing Kansas Day presentations in his official capacity since 1996. "Prior to 1996, I used to speak in regional schools when I was on active duty and after when I entered civilian life," he said.

Price, no stranger to schools in Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska, usually lugs along a carload of period clothing, uniforms and military equipment, that he uses during his presentations. "Most young people get a real kick out of actually seeing and handling the things that are usually behind glass in museums," he added.

Price spoke to three classes at nearby Council Grove Middle School for John Turkovic's seventh and eighth grade history classes.

"Kansas Day allows us to emphasize the key role our state played in American history, Turkovic said. "Usually, the more outside sources you bring in to help you in the class the better and the kids just love Mr. Price's presentations."

"What is so unique about providing presentations in Council Grove that this community is actually older than the Kansas Territory," he said. Last year, I was speaking about how the Confederate guerilla "Bloody" Bill Anderson was from the Council Grove area when one of the young women in the class said that Anderson had killed her great, great, great grandfather. That is the only time that I have ever had such a personal tie-in with one of my Civil War talks."

Price's presentations often include role playing and acting out historical vignettes. One of the most popular "skits" he uses is having a young boy come into the recruiter's office in early 1861 and volunteer to be a drummer boy in the 2nd Kansas Volunteer Infantry.

"When I get my drummer boy volunteer, I dress him up in an ill-fitting blue jacket, an old Mexican War cap, a U.S. belt and buckle and a drum," Price

said. "The students seem to enjoy this and I explain that the pants, shirt and shoes, if he owned any, would be the same ones he'd wear when he marched off to war."

Price also explains that Brig. Gen. Nathaniel Lyon, a former Fort Riley commander, died leading the 2nd Kansas in a charge at the Battle of Wilson's Creek, Mo., on Aug. 10, 1861.

What makes this fact even more significant is that the 2nd Kansas had companies of soldiers recruited in Junction City, Odgen and Manhattan, he explained.

"Sometimes that local tie in makes the history come alive," he said.

Jaython Engel, an eighth grader, whose family has been in the Council Grove area for generations,

enjoyed the presentation. "It was cool. My family has donated some stuff to be displayed at the Kaw Mission," he said. "I was raised here and Kansas Day makes me feel closer to my family's heritage."

Classmate Damian Clancy, a newcomer to Council Grove, was lucky enough to serve as his class' drummer boy.

Instead of being embarrassed, he enjoyed the chance to try on the uniform and military equipment.

"I've only been here about four months," he said. "I like learning about history, mostly what the soldiers and explorers did, not all the politics."

"What I really like about Kansas Day is that we get the chance to learn about the people who came before us," Clancy continued. "My family is Irish

and I love reading about what the Irish people did to build up America."

"I do my best to bring in videos to supplement our texts," Turkovic explained. "But, touching the uniforms, drums and clothing and seeing it up close is always better for the students."

Price said that Fort Riley provides speakers under the provisions of the fort's Speaker Bureau Program.

This program provides a number of subject matter experts on a wide variety of subjects for public ceremonies, events, classes and speaking engagements.

For more information on the program contact Price at (785) 239-6727 or Lillian Flegle at (785) 239-3034.



Damian Clancy a student of Council Grove dresses up as a drummer boy during Kansas Day activities in his school. Scott Price, a historian at Fort Riley, was on hand to teach the students about the history of the state.

## Line-up announced, Stampede coming June 27-30

The Country Stampede is coming again this June to the Manhattan area and the line up is headlining some top names in entertainment. This year's country music celebration is June 27 -30 and will be held at Tuttle Creek State Park. The schedule is as follows:

**June 27**  
4:30 p.m.—97 Country Karaoke Contest  
6:00 p.m. — Dustin Evans  
7:30 p.m. — Trick Pony  
9:30 p.m. — Montgomery Gentry

**June 28**  
noon — Heartland  
1:30 p.m. — Dustin Evans

3 p.m. — Bellamy Brothers  
5 p.m. — Blake Shelton  
7:15 p.m. — Lonestar  
9:30 p.m. — Alan Jackson

**June 29**  
noon — Shevy Smith  
1:30 p.m. — TBA  
3 p.m. — Phil Vassar  
5 p.m. — Jamie O'Neal  
7:15 p.m. — Trace Adkins  
9:30 p.m. — Kenny Chesney

**June 30**  
12:30 p.m. — Kelli Hake  
2 p.m. — Emerson Drive  
4 p.m. — Sara Evans  
6 p.m. — Aaron Tippin  
8 p.m. — Toby Keith

Artists and times subject to change.  
VIP seating is still available along with general admission. Call the Stampede office at 1-800-795-8091.

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